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BEYOND YOUR COMPUTER LIES... THE 'NET!

It's the ultimate computer link between thousands of worlds across the galaxy. And the Ghomans rule it with an iron fist.

Only one being opposes their rule — Neuro Jack, an enigmatic ghost in the machine. Once a living man, Neuro Jack transferred his consciousness to the digital world when his enemies destroyed his body. Now, he travels the electronic pathways between worlds, surfing the ebb and flow of the magnetic tide to wage a war of guerilla tactics against the Ghomans. With the knowledge of thousands of civilizations at his disposal, he is almost invincible... because in the 'Net, knowledge truly is power.

But the Ghomans are the most advanced race of technocrats the universe has ever known, and they have sworn to destroy him!

NEURO JACK created by JAMES CHAMBERS and ERIKA TAGUCHI with CEDRICK CHAN

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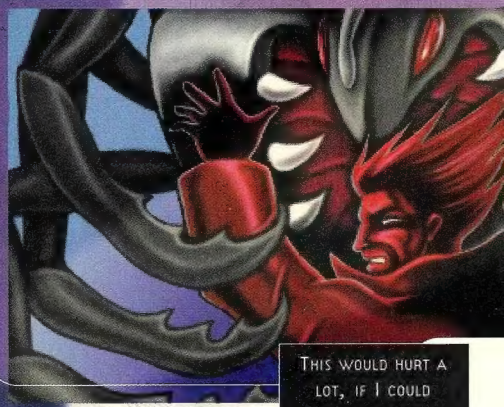
At first, not having a body felt weird. I reached out to touch my surroundings and realized I no longer had arms. I tried to take a deep breath, but I no longer had lungs.
You grow used to it after a while. You accept everything but the loneliness.
My name, now, is Neuro Jack. I've been running for so long...
...it's time for me to make a stand.
Out there, somewhere in the wasteland of data that's become my home, they're hunting me.

THE RAGERS. THEY'RE RELENTLESS AND UNFEELING, INFERNAL AUTOMATONS SENT BY THE GHOMANS TO OBLITERATE ME, ERASE ME FROM THE DATA-NETS FOREVER.
I ONLY HOPE I CAN STOP THEM...
...BEFORE IT'S TOO LATE!

I KNEW THEY'D CATCH UP WITH ME EVENTUALLY, BUT I HADN'T EXPECTED THEM THIS SOON.

THEY'RE NOTHING MORE THAN HIGH-POWERED ANTI-VIRUS PROGRAMS, BUT THEY'LL WIPE ME OUT FOR GOOD IF I GIVE THEM THE CHANCE.



THIS WOULD HURT A LOT, IF I COULD STILL FEEL PAIN.

GOT TO GET AWAY... PULL BACK AND COLLECT MYSELF...
...SO I CAN DO THIS!

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- COMIC SHOP NEWS, February 21, 1996

"I'VE SEEN A LOT OF COMICS BASED ON MOVIES, AND THEY JUST DON'T DO IT LIKE THE MOVIE DOES FOR ME. HOWEVER, TEKNO HAS CREATED A BOOK THAT STANDS ALONE."
- SUBCULTURE Magazine, February 1996

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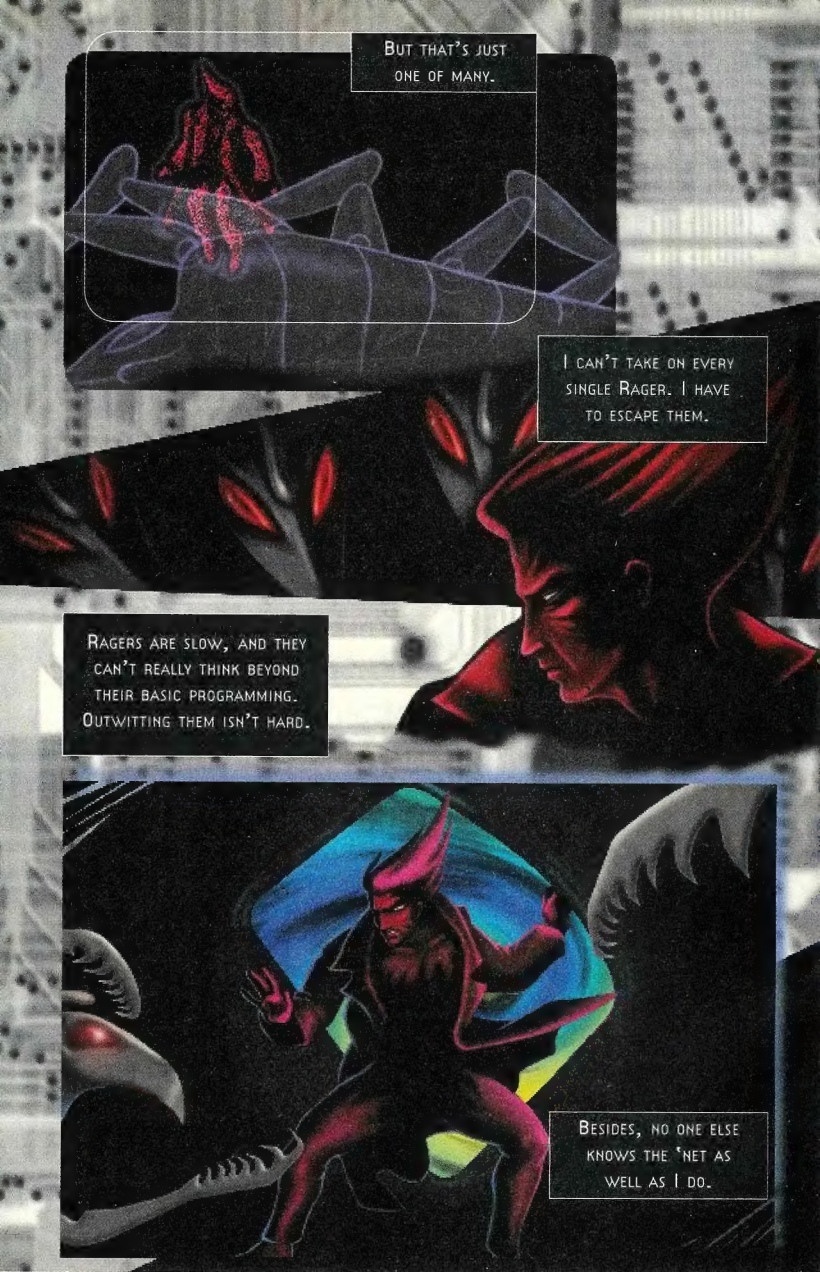
But that's just one of many.
I can't take on every single Rager. I have to escape them.
Ragers are slow, and they can't really think beyond their basic programming. Outwitting them isn't hard.
Besides, no one else knows the 'net as well as I do.

The ghomans may have built this thing, but I live here.
I hitch a ride on an errant data-stream and let it carry me into the 'net. I'll ditch it down the line, before someone downloads it onto their hard drive and takes me with it. But for now, it's an express train to safety.
If this goes on long enough, eventually the Ragers will erase me. But there may be a way out!
It means going back to the source, entering the core of the galactic 'net. I'll have to face the most dangerous wire-heads there are, the ones who sent the Ragers in the first place.
It means going back to the Ghoman homeworld.

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NEURO JACK™ EXPLODES IN JUNE!

You saw him first on-line on the Microsoft Network* and Prodigy—now see Neuro Jack in his own comic book!

Neuro Jack, a cyber-created hero trapped in the digital realm of a vast, interplanetary computer network, travels the electronic highways between worlds to wage war against an evil race of highly advanced alien beings.

Written by James Chambers with astounding, digitally produced artwork by Erika Taguchi. Neuro Jack electrifies the comic book racks in June!

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Meanwhile, the xenophobic terrorist group calling themselves Human Unity swear to avenge the human race and destroy the alien visitors...even if they must demolish most of the planet to do so.

PART 1 OF A 4-PART STORY ARC

Writer DOUG WHEELER and artist KIRK VAN WORMER concoct the beginning of a sf epic with "Scorched Earth," the first part of a new story arc in LEONARD NIMOY'S PRIMORTALS™ # 3. Special guest-artist cover by KELLEY (BATMAN™) JONES.

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PART 3 OF A 4-PART STORY ARC

IN THE CLUTCHES OF THE ENEMY

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It would seem that all hope is lost, but the villains never counted on the spirit of Lady Justice to balance the scales.

Writer and artist team **Rich Rainey** and **Chris Marrinan** weave a web of violence and intrigue in "Secret Treaties," appearing this month in NEIL GAIMAN'S LADY JUSTICE #4.

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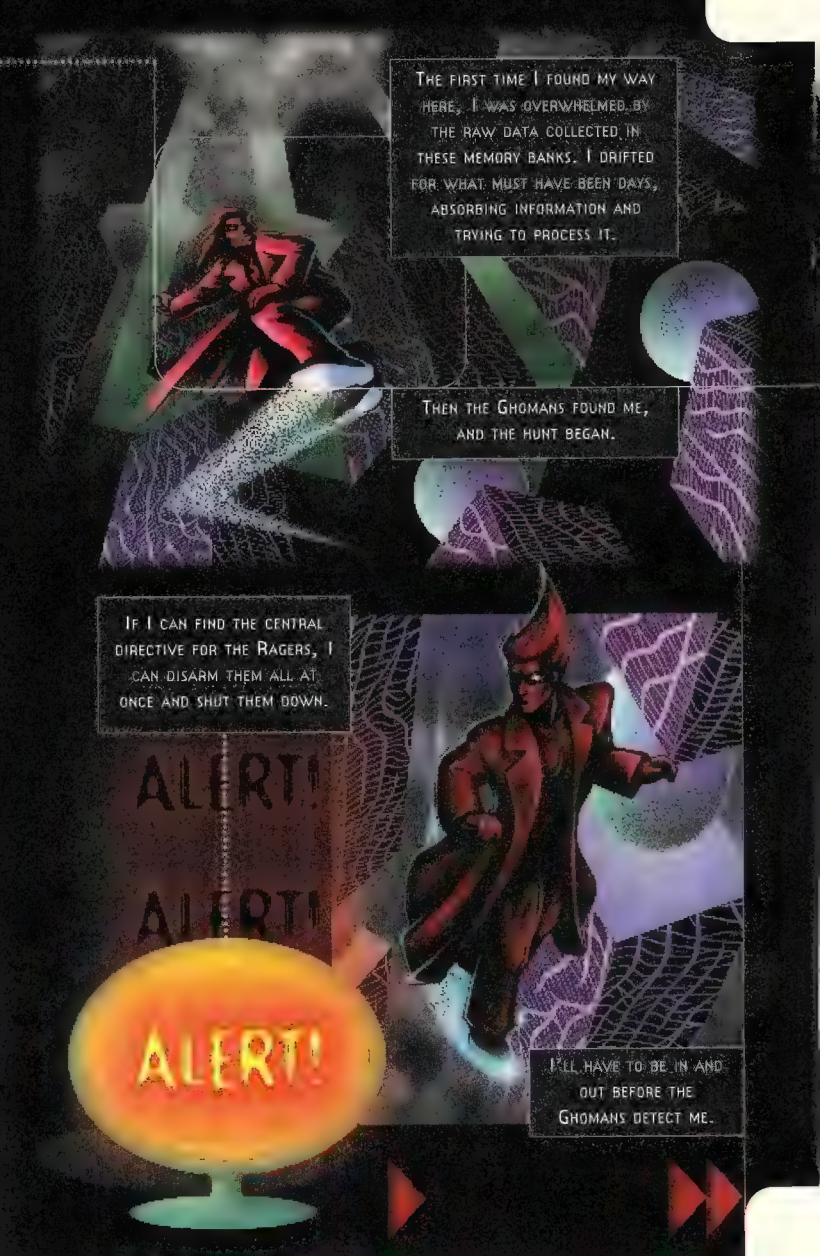
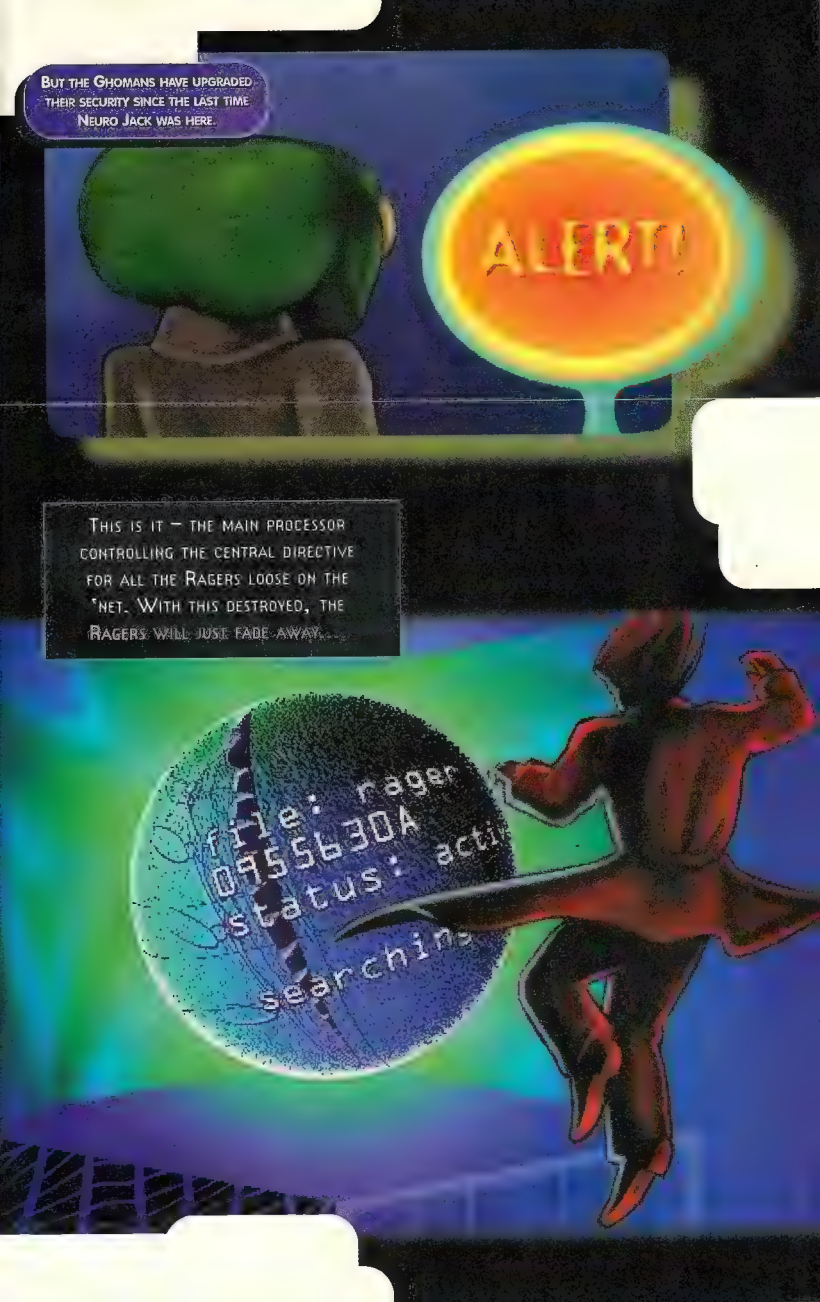
I never wanted to be enemies with the Ghomans, but they're not very forgiving to trespassers. That's what I was when I met them.

The Ghomans created the 'net as a means to monitor the activity of other technologically advanced races throughout the galaxy. This is the central hub.


The first time I found my way here, I was overwhelmed by the raw data collected in these memory banks. I drifted for what must have been days, absorbing information and trying to process it.
Then the Ghomans found me, and the hunt began.
If I can find the central directive for the Ragers, I can disarm them all at once and shut them down.
ALERT!
ALERT!
ALERT!
I'll have to be in and out before the Ghomans detect me.


But the Ghomans have upgraded their security since the last time Neuro Jack was here.
ALERT!
This is it – the main processor controlling the central directive for all the Ragers loose on the 'net. With this destroyed, the Ragers will just fade away...
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searchin

It's almost over! With the Ragers gone, nothing on the 'net will be able to stop me!
GOOD LORD! WHAT'S THIS?
It's scattering me...
Breaking me down...
into my...
component data...

...CAN'T REACH... MAIN PROCESSOR... NO!
NOT NOW! NOT WHEN I'M SO CLOSE...
THE GHOMAN'S OBSESSION WITH COMPUTERS MAKES THEM THE DEADLIEST CHIP-FIENDS IN THE GALAXY. WHEN THEIR SYSTEM DETECTS AN INTRUDER, IT ACTS QUICKLY... AND FINALLY...
THE GHOMANS TAKE A BIZARRE PLEASURE IN PROTECTING THE 'NET. DEVELOPING SECURITY PROGRAMS IS CONSIDERED HIGH ART IN THEIR SOCIETY.

This is the first time the Digital Vortex has been unleashed, and the personnel in the main control room gather around to watch it in action.
The invader is identified and located. The threat is assessed...
...and the Vortex opens!
Whatever it is that's made it's way into the system, it doesn't stand a chance.
But even the most powerful creations of the best Ghoman programmers can sometimes come across a bug.
Oh, no! Not him!
It's Nburo Jack!

The Ghomans are the most advanced race of computer scientists in the galaxy. Their network spans hundreds of planets and civilizations.
Nburo Jack escaped!

CLOSE CALL, BUT IT'LL TAKE MORE THAN THAT TO STOP ME! THE GHOMANS HAVE FINALLY MET THEIR MATCH!

This will stop him!

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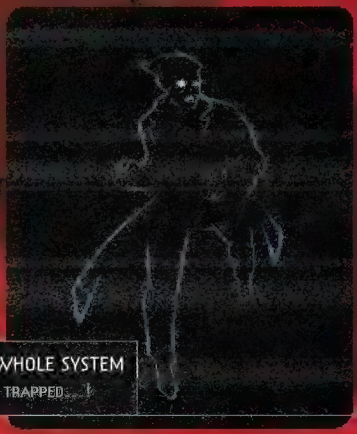
THEY SHUT THE WHOLE SYSTEM DOWN — I'M TRAPPED...

I•BOTS AND TIGERS AND BEARS...

...OH, MY!

NEXT MONTH IN I•BOTS #4

"CRACKDOWN"
-PART 3 OF 5-

IT'S HUNTED BY STEVEN GRANT, STALKED BY PAT BRODERICK AND TRAPPED BY PRISMACOLOR. COVER BY GIL KANE.

...POWER GONE...
FEEL MYSELF
DISSEMBLING...
...SOMETHING...
KEEPING ME
TOGETHER...
BARELY...
...YES
...HERE IT IS.
LIFE SUPPORT
MAINTENANCE...

...THEY COULDN'T SHUT IT ALL DOWN...KEPT MINIMAL POWER...
...AND THAT'S ALL I NEED!
YES!
NOW, IT'S TIME FOR NEURO JACK TO STRIKE BACK.

I had nothing against the Ghomans...
...until I found myself trapped in this digital world, and they began stalking me like a virus in their system.
But this time, they went too far.
They underestimated me, and that's given me a chance to stop them for good.

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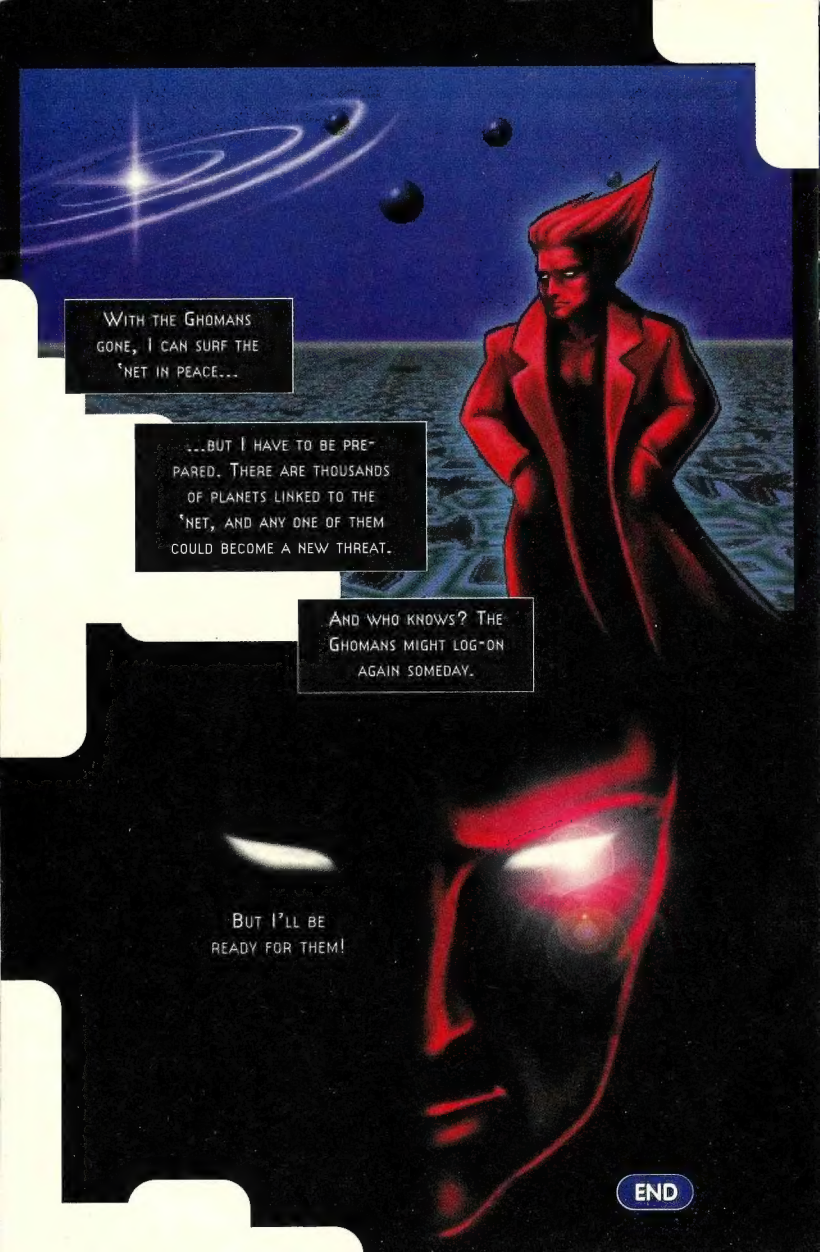
When they powered down to stop me, they also shut down their defenses — now, nothing protects the processor core!
PROCESSOR CORE
Without this, the entire Ghoman planet will crash!

TOO LATE, THE GHOMANS REALIZE THEIR ERROR.
THEY CAN ONLY WATCH AS ALL OF THEIR COMPUTERS GO OFF LINE – FOR GOOD.
NOW, TO ESCAPE WHILE THERE'S SOME POWER LEFT!


With the Ghomans gone, I can surf the 'net in peace...
...but I have to be prepared. There are thousands of planets linked to the 'net, and any one of them could become a new threat.
And who knows? The Ghomans might log-on again someday.
But I'll be ready for them!
END

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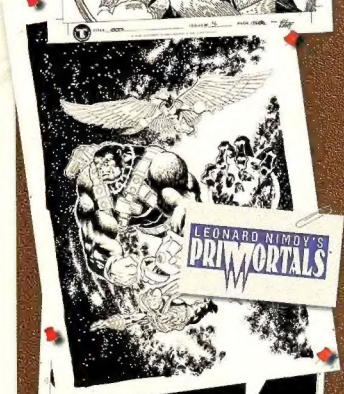

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